

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION)
INTO DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT)
COMPANY'S PLANNED DISTRIBUTION) PSC DOCKET NO. 13-152
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT OVER)
THE NEXT FIVE YEARS)
(OPENED MAY 7, 2013))

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT
COMPANY'S PLANNED DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT OVER THE NEXT
FIVE YEARS**

TO: ALL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY:

On March 22, 2013, Delmarva Power & Light Company ("Delmarva" or "the Company") filed an application with the Delaware Public Service Commission ("the Commission") seeking approval for an increase in its electric base rates and for miscellaneous tariff changes.

In its application, Delmarva seeks an increase in annual operating revenues of \$42,044,000 or 7.38% over existing rates, stating that it intends to invest approximately \$397 million in its distribution system over the next five years to replace infrastructure and enhance and maintain system reliability (Docket No. 13-115, Direct Testimony of Michael W. Maxwell at 3, 5)

On April 16, 2013, the Staff of the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Staff") filed a motion (the Motion) requesting the Commission to open an investigation to examine Delmarva's proposed expenditures for reliability improvements over the course of the next several years to maintain adequate and reliable service. In the Motion, Staff expressed concern that

Delmarva may be investing more on distribution infrastructure and system reliability than is appropriate for ratepayer recovery or to meet current Regulation Docket No. 50 reliability standards and sought to open a docket to investigate whether the level of Delmarva's planned distribution infrastructure and reliability investments going forward are appropriate.

On May 7, 2013, the Commission considered the motion and entered Order 8363 opening this docket for the purpose of investigating Delmarva's proposed distribution infrastructure and reliability investments going forward for a period of up to five years, and whether the previous reliability standards set for Delmarva in Regulation Docket No. 50 should be revised to (1) include new or adjusted metrics to help measure reliability performance as it relates to distribution infrastructure and reliability investment, and (2) indicate when and if such investment is consistent with Delmarva customers' reliability needs and the ability of those customers to pay for such investment.

If you wish to participate as a party in this docket, with the right to present evidence and be heard by counsel, you must file a petition to intervene under Rule 21 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. You must file that petition on or before **June 30, 2013** at the Commission's office at:

Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Boulevard
Cannon Building
Suite 100
Dover, Delaware 19904
ATTN: PSC Docket No. 13-152

Late-filed petitions will not be considered unless good cause is shown.

If you have a disability and wish to participate, or to review the materials, in these proceedings, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, by writing, by telephone (including text telephone), by Internet e-mail, or other means. If you have questions about this matter, you may call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302)736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions or request information by Internet e-mail addressed to kevin.neilson@state.de.us.